GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Transit Oriented Development
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Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government is incentivizing the Transit Oriented Development under new Metro Policy and Green Urban Mobility Scheme and if so, the details thereof;
(b) whether the Government is considering to create non-motorised transport infrastructure in cities like footpaths and cycle tracks;
(c) if so, whether the Government's initiative comes in the context of several kms. of metro lines being operational, under construction or being planned; and
(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS
(RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a) New Metro Policy and Green Urban Mobility scheme are not in vogue at present.

(b) to (d) Government of India has formulated National Transit Oriented Development (TOD) policy, which aims to promote planned and sustainable urban centers with high density, mixed land-use development within an influence zone of 500-800 meters of mass transit stations. The policy aims to enable transformation of cities from private vehicle dependent development to public transport oriented development. TOD increases the accessibility of the transit stations by creating pedestrian and Non-Motorised Transport (NMT) friendly infrastructure like footpaths and cycle tracks that benefit large number of people, thereby increasing the ridership of the transit facility and improving the economic and financial viability of the system. Many cities have strengthened their public transport by developing mass rapid transit system (MRTS) such as metro rails and bus rapid transit systems (BRTS). The national TOD policy will help these cities to formulate city specific policies to efficiently use these systems.
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